



# Medford Leas **LIFE**

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## NOVEMBER MEANS THANKSGIVING

by Kitty Katzell

Residents of Medford Leas have much for which they are thankful. This alphabetical list provides a hint of the departments, services, benefits, and facilities for which they are grateful.

**A** is for Accounting, Activities, Administration, and Assisted Living

**B** is for Bridlington

**C** is for Community Life and Central Supply

**D** is for Dining Services

**E** is for Environmental Services and Estaugh

**F** is for Fitness & Aquatics

**G** is for Genesis Rehab & Therapy

**H** is for Haddon, Health Services, and Human Resources

**I** is for Information Technology

**J** is for Jones Road building

**K** is for Kitchen staff

**L** is for Landscaping and Lumberton Leas

**M** is for Maintenance, Medicare, and Marketing

**N** is for Nursing

**O** is for Ombudsperson and Operations

**P** is for Pharmacy

**Q** is for Quick response

**R** is for Receptionists, Resident Services, and Rushmore

**S** is for Security

**T** is for Tech Support, Therapeutic Recreation, and Transportation

**U** is for Untold benefits of life at Medford Leas

**V** is for Visitors, Friendly and Others

**W** is for Woolman

**X** is for Xercise with Fitness staff

**Y** is for You, the readers of *Medford Leas Life*

**Z** is for Zillions of other things for which we are thankful

## OUR NEW FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR

by Ellen Stimler



photo by Margery Rubin

At a Coffee in the Lounge on September 21, **Dennis Koza**, CEO, announced the appointment of **Bill Perham** as the new Food Service Director. Stating that he felt very strongly that Perham was the right man for the job, Dennis emphasized

Bill's skills and record as a team player and excellent communicator. **Bill Murphy**, Director of Operations, also expressed enthusiasm for the choice and joked that maybe now he would have to be called "old Bill" to avoid confusion with the "new Bill."

After this introduction, Bill Perham summarized his background, education and professional experience, and outlined his goals for the new job. He said the process leading to his selection involved as thorough an evaluation as he had ever experienced. He explained that his only reason for moving east from his job at a retirement community in Michigan was to be closer to two of his four children and his new grandchildren. He loved his Michigan job and had the respect of the residents and the community.

Although he arrived for his first Medford Leas interview near the dumpsters at the back entrance, he was "so impressed and excited" by what he saw inside and outside. Since he started working here, he found the Administration "unique and kindhearted" and was most appreciative of his "warm welcome." He sees his entire department as "open to change and growth."

Bill said his goal is to serve the needs of all residents. He likes to do "theme things" and guarantees "some fun with food." Above all, his

door and ears will always be open for comments and suggestions. He will be out in the dining rooms and intends to set up a monthly food service forum where residents can express their opinions about anything relating to his department.

Bill grew up in Connecticut with an Irish mother and an English father. While still in high school, he had a part-time job delivering groceries. Later, he was a dishwasher in a fancy country club, where he got the idea to go into food service. He graduated from a culinary school and then enlisted in the Navy, where he received more food service training and eventually was assigned to supervise meals for 16,000 Vietnam refugees.

After his military service, Bill had successive jobs in several commercial kitchens until he realized that they were so labor- and time-intensive that he had very little time left for his four children. "The smartest thing I ever did," Bill concluded, was to go back to school and complete two separate programs for certification as Dietary Manager and as Nursing Home Administrator. These new credentials opened the way to positions in several retirement communities and his referral by Aramark for the vacancy at Medford Leas.

Bill ended his presentation with a pledge to do his best to live up to the community's expectations.

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## BLACK/WHITE *and* COLOR

On Saturday and Sunday, November 19 and 20, **Jeannette Muir**, Quiltmaker, and **Margery Rubin**, Photographer, will have a gallery exhibit and sale of contemporary quilts, photographs, and antique quilt restorations at the Community House at Lumberton Leas. On Saturday, the show will be open from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; on Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## COMMUNITY DAY 2005

by Kitty Katzell

photos by Walt Plotrowski, South Jersey Camera Club

The weather was glorious on Saturday, September 24, when some 800 residents, staff, guests and their families came to Medford Leas to enjoy Community Day 2005 – and enjoy it they did!



The back lawn was really swinging. The kids had pony rides, face painting, pumpkin painting and, best of all, the Caterpillar “Moon Walk,” an inflatable caterpillar that they entered at one end, bounced through and came down a slide at the other end. The pumpkin painting was judged by Medford’s mayor, Walt

Urban, and **Dennis Koza**. Indoors, the kids could attend a magic show, have a balloon sculpted just for them, take part in a scavenger hunt, and “make and take” bracelets with the Busy Hands group.



In the morning, the adults could enjoy soothing hand massages with tea or coffee in the Lounge, accompanied by harp music. From there, they could visit the South Jersey Camera Club’s photography exhibit in the Atrium on the way to the Berry Basket Quilters in the Activities Room. There was also Anna Bellenger’s mixed media exhibit in the Gallery, and the “Shopping Mall” in the Auditorium, where they could buy donated books, home-baked goods, plants, soft pretzels, and Medford Leas shirts and hats.

Also for the grown-ups, on the back lawn there was a demonstration of container gardening in the forenoon; and the Pinelands Garden Club conducted a session on “Make & Take Flower Arranging” in the afternoon.

And oh, the food! There was cotton candy and popcorn, and a barbecue lunch on the back lawn, overseen by **Kevin Crain, Russell Pepe,** and **Jim Wolosin**, where they served chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the fixings. If there was any room left, there were make-your-own sundaes in the Colonial Dining Room. A strolling barbershop quartet also sang in the Colonial Room

Visitors who made their way to the model apartment, #165, were rewarded with a gift bag of King Alfred Daffodil bulbs. Those who shopped in the Gift Shop received a gift of a small laser-cut crystal. There were also door prize gift certificates for staff who attended. **Bob Calhoun,**



Landscaping, won a gift certificate for use at a Spa; **Lydia Gregorio**, Dining Services, and **Heather McMillan**, John Woolman Nursing, got certificates for shopping at a mall; **Mary Hunter**, Fitness & Aquatics, for the Olive Garden; **Todd Jones**, Security, won gift certificates for Blockbuster and Papa John; and **Charity Reily**, Resident Services, a voucher for shopping at the Acme. The gift certificates were presented in baskets along with other small items.



## WALTER L. EVANS, ESTAUGH BOARD MEMBER

by Kay Cooley

*Ed. Note: This article is one in a series introducing members of the Estaugh Board.*



One of the longest-serving Trustees of the Estaugh Board, **Walter L. Evans** has been involved closely with many aspects of Medford Leas development.

Born in Camden and raised in Marlton, he was the fourth generation to live in a house on Main Street now called the Deerberry Flower Shop. After graduating from Peirce Junior College with a degree in accounting, he enlisted in the Navy Reserve and served in both Tennessee and Texas.

In 1961, Walt started a second career in real estate with Edgar Real Estate in Moorestown. Looking at his numerous contributions, one might say he had a third career in community service.

- \* Committees of the Moorestown Monthly Meeting;
- \* Treasurer and 40-year volunteer of the Relief Fire Company;
- \* Elected member of Moorestown Board of Fire Commissioners, Chairman for 20 years;
- \* Co-founder of Moorestown Business Association;
- \* Treasurer of Moorestown chapter of the Salvation Army for 12 years;
- \* Moorestown's 1996 Citizen of the Year in acknowledgement of his service to the community.

Following in his mother's footsteps (Rebecca Jones Evans, president of the Estaugh Board when it was located in Haddonfield, NJ), Walt was invited to join the Board in 1989 and currently serves on its finance, trust, and

nominating committees. He was also a member of the search committee for our new CEO.

Asked what he considered the Board's accomplishments and challenges, Walt replied:

The Board continues to be on the cutting edge of progress in the field of CCRCs. Thoughtful and responsive actions regarding the expansion of facilities and programs help to keep Medford Leas in the forefront of nationally ranked CCRCs. The challenges continue to be centered on the delivery of medical services and Medicare program.

Walt continues to be proud of the Nurses' Scholarship Program, instituted by his mother just prior to her death at Medford Leas.

Walt and his wife, Larue, make their home in Moorestown. They have two married children, William and Carol.

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## WELCOME TO THE COURTS

**Suzanne (Sue) Thorp** has moved into Apt. 294 from Lumberton Leas. She was delighted with her neighbors' friendly reception and hopes to develop new friends and interests here while continuing with her existing activities.

Music is one of her first loves and she has signed up for the Philadelphia Orchestra, the opera, and chamber music. She will continue to attend the Mt. Holly Quaker meeting, where she is a member of several committees. She has a deep commitment to the Alternatives to Violence program, and one weekend a month, Sue and **Toby Riley** work with inmates at a prison in Bordentown.

As often as possible, Sue spends time at her second home in Lenox, MA, which is also a favorite place for family reunions with her three married children and eight grandchildren. Sue's husband, Al, who was a member of the Estaugh Board, died three years ago.

## MEET OUR NONAGENARIANS

by Ellen Stimler

**Sylvia Friedman's** petite figure and vibrant personality make it almost impossible to believe that she celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday last April at a party with 90 guests. She says that throughout her life she has pursued her twin goals of physical activity and service to others.



photo by Margery Rubin

At Medford Leas, where she has lived for two-plus years with her companion, **Bernard Rosen**, she continues to include physical workouts and volunteer programs in her commitments. She works out in the pool, attends various exercise classes, serves on the Forum and Mental Health Committees, and is on call for Hospice and transportation of residents to medical appointments.

Looking out on her attractive garden, Sylvia points out the azalea and rose bushes she has been nurturing, where she hopes to add more varieties in the future. She also wants to teach herself to knit, adding that she dislikes patterns and prefers to design her own. She describes herself as a "free spirit" who feels hemmed in by rules.

In her "former life" Sylvia was a psychotherapist with a practice in Haddon Heights. From those years, she treasures a plaque commemorating her inclusion in the 1969 edition of "Community Leaders of America" in recognition of past

achievements in the community and the state. Sylvia has two sons by her marriage to Alfred Friedman, who died in 1994. She knows that her devotion to service is being carried on by her two grandchildren, who are currently in Baton Rouge helping with the aftermath of the storms.

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## MEET YOUR MLRA PRESIDENT

by Jack Akerboom

MLRA is trying an experiment. In an attempt to have open dialogue with residents on a one-to-one basis, the MLRA President will be available on the third Thursday of each month from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in either the Private Dining Room or the MLRA Office. Since MLRA Business Meetings are on the third Monday, announcement of the location of each month's open dialog session will be made at each Business Meeting. Any resident is welcome to drop in and have an informal discussion with the President on any topic. Sometimes other members of the MLRA Council may join him for these sessions.

Unfortunately, at the first of these meetings, held in September, no visitor had come by 9:30 a.m., so the President and Council members who had been there decided to leave. It was later learned that a resident had stopped by later. In future, the President or a member of the Council will remain in the announced location for the full hour, so residents are invited to stop in and get acquainted.

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## BUSY HANDS SHOW & SELL

On Wednesday, November 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Atrium will be converted into an exhibit of materials made by the Busy Hands. Crocheted, embroidered, knitted, quilted, sewn, and woven items will be displayed and offered for sale at very reasonable prices. There will be afghans, aprons, mittens, caps, sweaters, quilts, and other items, many that may be just right for Christmas gifts.



## PHRED, THE GOLDEN PHEASANT

by John Caughey

Recently, Medford Leas has been visited by a brilliantly feathered bird, some three feet long, its tail length more than half its body, and easily identified as a Golden Pheasant by its pure yellow head. Perching and posturing in the area bounded by Courts 1, 2, and 3 and Parking Lot B, it was observed from the covered walkways by many fascinated residents.



photo by Mary Ann Black

This pheasant was first spotted by **Ann Corsini** of Housekeeping on August 26, near Court 6. He (and we can call this bird "he" because only the male has colorful plumage) seemed not too scared, but when Ann tried to catch him, she ended up running her hand through tail feathers.

Ann pointed him out to **Gordon** and **Ann Clift**, who could see him perched in the blue spruce by Court 3 and then in the arborvitae between Courts 1 and 2. The Clifts continued to observe him as they went to and from the dining room. Other spectators joined them, and **Mary Ann Black** took pictures through the windows of the sliding doors. The bird was dubbed an alliterative "Phred," and the pictures, posted on the Bulletin Board, were captioned "Pheasant Through Glass."

Phred disdained the corn, oatmeal, and bran that the Clifts put out for him and supped only sparingly on the water. He has also been sighted at the farm area, in trees, and on rooftops, making it hard to believe the rumor that his wings had been clipped.

Phred disappeared for a time, and it was feared that a cat had gotten him, but then it was reported that he had been sighted in a field beyond the road. Phred is missed, for he provided a bright and spectacular diversion for several weeks. Everyone hopes he is alive and well.

## NOW YOU SEE THEM, NOW YOU DON'T

by Kay Cooley

In eight-and-a-half years at Medford Leas, I have found that the Atrium Garden turtles are among the most sought and least known of the residents. As I have watched them crawl up rocks or slide into the water, I have often wondered, "Why are they elusive on some days and showing off on others? Where do they go in winter? Why do parents leave their young to fend for themselves?" For answers I recently talked with one of Medford Leas' in-house naturalists, **Rick Trandahl** of the Fitness staff. Rick also provided four books. Here is some of what I learned.

The two types of turtles in the Atrium, pine sliders and box turtles, are both reptiles but differ in how they look and where they like to hang out.



Box turtles, with brown to black upper shells (carapaces) and bright yellowish orange markings, grow to about six inches and mostly live on land, although sometimes they take a dip in the water. Like some human residents, they shun light that is too bright and must be kept warm. Also, like some residents, they can live to be 70 to 100 years old.

Box turtles eat berries, plants, insects, earthworms, roadkill, and other delicacies in their environment. To digest food, their body

temperature must be warm, so they seek the sun. They mate in the spring. In early summer the females bury four or five eggs in a sunny spot, from which the young hatch in about 90 days and start to fend for themselves.



Pine sliders (called pine because they come from the Pinelands) are semi-aquatic turtles, spending much time in the water. Adults are black and can grow to 12 inches or more.

Baby sliders are predominantly carnivorous, but with increasing age become herbivorous, some eating only plants. (Human residents might take note.)

When temperatures fall in October, **Debbie Lux** takes the sliders from the Atrium to the muddy banks of the Rancocas Creek, where she releases them to prepare for hibernation. In about a month they will have acclimated to their new environment. They stop eating and burrow into the soil to await spring. They will not return to the Atrium. Others found by staff and residents in the woods or by the road will replace them.

The box turtles, on the other hand, stay home and burrow into Atrium soil to hibernate. In the cooler surroundings of fall, their body temperatures drop; they stop eating and empty all systems, like summer home owners draining water pipes to avoid freezing, and slip into a deathlike sleep (perhaps to dream of spring mating).

Turtles have a good sense of smell, can distinguish red and yellow objects (tomatoes are often the food *du jour* put out for them), and have sensitive hearing. Males have longer tails than females, but both have long necks, which, with their heads and bodies, can be withdrawn under their carapaces in times of danger. Whether sliders or box turtles, the Atrium turtles are entertaining and worth learning about.

## LOVEBIRDS IN MEDFORD LEAS

by Della Williams

Love is always in bloom in the two aviaries at Medford Leas. When the original lovebird abode in Estaugh's parlor got too crowded with offspring, another aviary was set up in Haddon-2. Active families of African lovebirds inhabit the two enormous, well-equipped aviaries, and residents and staff are fascinated with their antics and their affectionate nature.

The birds in Haddon are particularly busy. Mother Bird has almost completed the 22-day incubation time for her five eggs. At this writing, three healthy chicks have hatched and the two others should follow soon. Like many expectant fathers, Father Bird is restless and paces when he is not welcome in the cardboard nesting box. Unaware of the coming drama, two adolescent siblings (5 months old) frolic on the elaborate swing, the slinky, and the wheel.

**Andrea Lawrence**, CNA, explains that the birds are kept cozy with a light bulb for warmth, a floor fan, and a vented ceiling. **Mariama Bah**, CNA, supplements their millet diet with bits of broccoli, apples, and Cheerios, which she hopes contribute to their bright plumage.

**Gerry Stride**, Director of Community Life, hatched the idea of using lovebirds as therapeutic recreation in Estaugh and later in Haddon. **Pamela Fake**, Activities Coordinator, oversees the care of the Haddon lovebirds. Some residents, she says, can watch happily for long periods of time as the birds cuddle affectionately and chirp melodically.



photo by Maggie Heineman

## RESIDENTS IN THE NEWS

A recent release by the Perkins Center for the Arts in Moorestown featured a great picture of **Dottie Pierce** and an interesting story about her. Dottie has been a Perkins Center pottery student for the past five years. Earlier, she had studied pottery at NYU, and she used pottery in her work as an occupational therapist during her career. The article quotes Dottie as being proud of her Greenwich Village roots and calling herself “the oldest living hippie.” Her secret to a long and happy life is “always trying new things,” a philosophy that keeps her young-at-heart both in and out of the pottery studio.

The appointment of **Kitty Katzell** and **Barbara Armand** to the Estaug Board was announced, with pictures of both in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, on September 25. Unfortunately, circumstances forced Ms. Armand to resign from the Board soon after the notice appeared.

**Bea Smolens** was featured in the “Volunteer Spotlight” of the *Inquirer’s* “Neighbors” section on October 16. Bea, a retired clinical psychologist, devotes some 40 hours a month to the Child Placement Review Board in Mount Holly. She has worked for them for 15 years.

The *Central Record* of October 6 reported extensively on the rededication of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Vincentown. The full-page spread included a picture of two members of the church, **Betty** and **Caroline Heyl**.

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

September’s Employee of the Month was **Donna Amice**, a Registered Nurse who works on the John Woolman Skilled Nursing Unit. Donna has worked at Medford Leas since June, 1993. A short summary of the many favorable comments about Donna says “she’s a real team player and an awesome nurse.” Medford Leas is lucky that the team she plays on is this one

## NEWS FROM THE LUMBERTON CAMPUS

by Helen Vukasin

The newest thing at Lumberton, besides the yellow pansies at the entrance, is the new sign designating that Lumberton Leas is now Medford Leas at Lumberton. Residents of the Lumberton Campus are pleased to be more closely identified with Medford Leas, even though the euphonic name of Lumberton Leas is hard to give up.

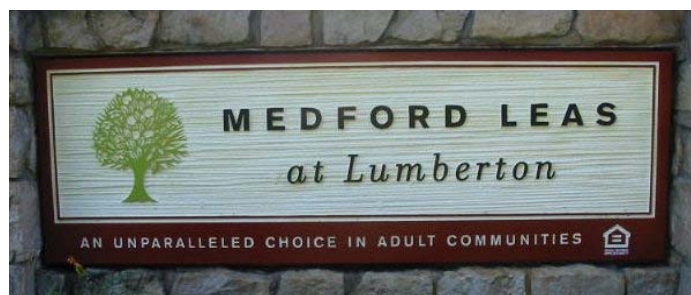


photo by Maggie Heineman

October meant the closing of the outdoor pool and the end of the professional aerobic exercise classes led by **Donna Kanan**, who has moved with her husband to Michigan. It also meant the end of a great water volleyball season.

The Activities Committee has provided activities for every occasion from the Fourth of July to the Luau in August, to Labor Day, and an Autumn Party in October. The Clusters continue to take care of their neighbors and welcome newcomers.

The Lumberton Residents Council has suggested that the five-year-old Handbook needs revision. This book contains the details of the stewardship of the Lumberton Campus facilities. A subcommittee headed by Council member **Bob Rosvold** has undertaken the task.

Otherwise, Lumberton goes on as usual, sending volunteers to the Medford campus for the Fitness Center and other areas, participating in the Art Studio classes and exhibits, serving on the MLRA Council, and in general being an integral part of Medford Leas.



## RESIDENT'S BOOK PUBLISHED

by Maggie Woodard

*Ties to a Maine Lake: Farmers, Vacationers, and the Town of Norway*, by **Joy K. Moll**, Ph.D., 206 pp. Norway Memorial Library, 2005.

The focus of this book is the original 110-acre farm (later enlarged to 135 acres) on a peninsula of Lake Penesseewassee in the town of Norway, ME. The original impetus for writing the book was litigation over property rights to a lane on the farm. The Director of the Norway Memorial Library encouraged the author to write about the farm and lake to fill a gap in the library's collection of town histories.

Joy Moll, a Medford Leas resident, has spent more than 50 summers on this lake with her family. Her husband, **Andy**, started visiting the lake as a toddler. Joy, Andy, and their children built a home there in the early 1990s.

Relatively little has been written about Western Maine compared to the amount written about the Maine Coast. This book is unique in that no other published history "has emphasized the key role that a lake and the families who have owned lakefront property played in [Norway's] development." It also fills a real need in terms of history and several other subjects:

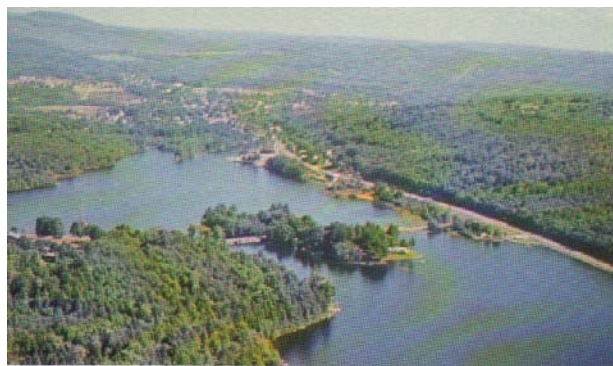
- \* Social customs and activities during the past 200+ years;
- \* Political decisions that have affected owners of lakefront property;
- \* Economic changes that have affected the use of farmland;
- \* Environmental and ecological concerns that will affect the lake's future;
- \* The genealogical story of the farm from real estate records and from stories of the two families, each of whom owned the farm for over 100 years.

Joy spent seven years researching and writing the book. Looking for relevant articles and photographs, she read the oldest book about the town's history as well as bound volumes of old newspapers. She then interviewed more than 50 people who shared with her their memories,

anecdotes, and photographs. In writing the book, she made it a readable history by "salting" facts with anecdotes. One amusing story concerned the local dance hall. The "Pirate's Den" featured a large treasure chest for which each guest was given a key. The guest whose key could open the chest would be entitled to its treasure. However, the owners had the only key that would open it and they never gave that key to anyone because they knew there was nothing inside.



Early 20<sup>th</sup> century postcard from [www.slettebo.no](http://www.slettebo.no)



1940's postcard from Joy Moll's collection

Joy is a retired Professor of Information and Systems Science at Stockton State College. She co-authored another book in 1990, *The Professor Business*, a primer for first-time professors.

A book-signing program has been scheduled in the Lounge at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16. Joy will talk about her new book and read a passage to illustrate its flavor. **John Brzostowski**, another Medford Leas author, will also talk about his newest book, *bLama Quest: A Cartoon Adventure*. It should be an interesting afternoon.

## ART GALLERY NEWS

by Helen Vukasin

November is the traditional month for the annual Members' Exhibit of the South Jersey Camera Club in the Medford Leas Art Gallery. The opening reception on Tuesday, November 15, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Auditorium will precede the regular November meeting. Medford Leas residents are cordially invited to attend the reception and the meeting.

The Club meets regularly in the Medford Leas Auditorium and welcomes residents to join them on the third Tuesday of each month September through June.

On October 7, a reception at the Lumberton Campus opened the one-person exhibit of the watercolor paintings of Medford Leas resident **Alice Skidmore Culbreth**. The exhibit will be up through December. To view the exhibit, residents of the Medford Campus will need to pick up a key to the Community Center at the Front Desk in Medford.

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## COPING WITH POWER LOSS

by Ellen Stimler

As residents got ready to go to the dining rooms for the midday Sunday dinner on October 9, the lights went out suddenly in Courts 5 through 18 and 61 in Rushmore. Everything electrical came to a stop in those areas. The affected residents weren't very concerned, expecting things to be working again on their return. Jokingly, their friends offered to put them up for the night if necessary.

But the power loss turned out to be no joke. A crew of 20 workmen and three engineers from Public Service Electric and Gas Company, supported by much technical equipment, worked through the night to locate and fix the problems. Power was restored to the courts in three phases at 11:30 p.m., 4 a.m., and 9 a.m.

**Bill Murphy**, Director of Operations detailed the night's activities at a Coffee in the Lounge the next day. He said the heavy rains the preceding days had caused severe damage to three transformers and some underground cables, necessitating complex repairs. He stayed with the men most of the night and praised their work.

The residents coped with the loss of electricity in creative ways. During the remaining daylight hours, they readied candles and flashlights and took reading material and games to the lighted rooms in the main building. Supper was crackers and cheese or other cold snacks, except for those lucky ones invited by well-lit friends. The toughest time came after supper, when residents needed to while away the pre-bedtime hours without TV, computers, or reading. In Court 16, some residents got together to socialize, and their Friendly Visitors made sure every one had a flashlight and candles. Fortunately, no injuries or fires were reported during the blackout.

At the Coffee, residents made a number of suggestions for improved communications and safety/security conditions in future emergencies. **Dennis Koza**, CEO, assured residents that all their suggestions and others from the management would be discussed at the next staff meeting.

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## OOPS!

We apologize to **Vickie Pierman**, OT, Director of Rehab in the Therapy Department. Her last name was misspelled on page 13 of the October issue. In the same column, we incorrectly identified **Jeannie Roland** as an OT; she is a PT. OT stands for Occupational Therapist; PT means Physical Therapist; and a PTA is a Physical Therapy Assistant.

## CANDIDATES' NIGHTS

by Ellen Stimler

Residents who attended the Candidates' Nights in the Auditorium on September 29 and October 6 should be well prepared to vote intelligently for the State Assembly, County Freeholder, and Medford Township Council positions on the ballot in the November 8 election.

For the State Assembly, the contest is between the two longtime Republican incumbents, Francis Bodine and Larry Chatzidakis and Democratic challengers Don Hartman and Sandy Weinstein. The main focus of their debate was the property tax system and ethics reform. Democrats endorsed the legislation calling for a constitutional convention to change the way school taxes are raised. Republicans were opposed to a convention unless it is authorized to deal with expenditures in addition to revenues.

Both Democratic candidates listed their past experience in public service. Don Hartman served as mayor, council member, planning board chair, and member of the emergency management committee of Eastampton Township. Sandy Weinstein was township manager and public safety director of Mt. Laurel.

The Republican candidates for the two open Freeholder positions were incumbent Dawn Addiego and newcomer Aubrey Fenton. Addiego is currently in charge of consumer and senior citizen programs. Highlighting accomplishments in these areas, she mentioned the new shredders installed to protect people's identities, a safety program for senior citizens, the opening of a free health clinic for uninsured residents, and the creation of several new county parks with recreational facilities.

Democratic candidates Amy Vasquez and Dean Bueno said Freeholder meetings should be held in venues all over the county, hopefully even at Medford Leas, and more information should be posted on the county's website. Local property

taxes were also a hotly debated issue, with the Republicans pointing out that the county had little control over school taxes, and the Democrats arguing that there was plenty of room for cuts in expenses at the county level.

The candidates for three open seats on the Township got into a fractious debate over the "pay-to-play" issue and open space preservation and development. The Democratic challengers, Mike Panarella, John Montemurro, and Eric Spinner, accused the incumbents of accepting political contributions through money donated to campaign committees. The Republicans, Chris Myers, Scott Rudder, and Dave Brown, insisted that their ethics code was "the strongest you can enact" under an executive order issued by Governor Codey. They defended their most recent development decisions selecting two builders to construct a complex, which would include a new library and community center, along Eayrestown Road. The Democrats argued that it was important to have a "different voice" on the all-Republican Council and that, if elected, they would ban political donations to council members, restrict new construction, and extract savings from the budget.

Both meetings were moderated by **Evert (Bart) Bartholomew**. The timekeeper was **Janet Sholl**. The Freeholder candidates were introduced by **Fran Lax**, and the Assembly candidates by **Loretta (Beni) Taylor**.

### IN MEMORIAM

<b>Lillias Anderson</b>	<b>September 19</b>
<b>Katherine Stewart</b>	<b>September 22</b>
<b>John C. Cebra</b>	<b>October 7</b>
<b>Martha W. Davis</b>	<b>October 9</b>
<b>Mary Doerr</b>	<b>October 15</b>

## NOVEMBER CRYPTO-PUZZLE

by Marie Winton

There is a new challenge this month. The cryptogram will tell you what to do, and only this second solution should be submitted.

DXXDFHC    KLC    MAHAKG,    SXBN  
 BFC    KB    FAFC,    AF    D    GREDXC,  
 GB    KLDK    CICXP    XBQ,    TBJENF  
 DFM    MADHbfdJ    KBKDjG    KLC  
 GDNC    DNBEFK.

Here is the solution to the October cryptogram by Betty Donahue.

I AM A SHORT-TERM PESSIMIST BUT A LONG-TERM OPTIMIST. I THINK SOME FUTURE CRISIS WILL RALLY THE COUNTRY AND BRING OUT NEW LEADERS. THESE ARE THE CYCLES OF HISTORY. —ARTHUR SCHLESINGER

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